

# THE WHOLE TRUTH

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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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## September 1989 C. H. Mason Day

## Help Week III

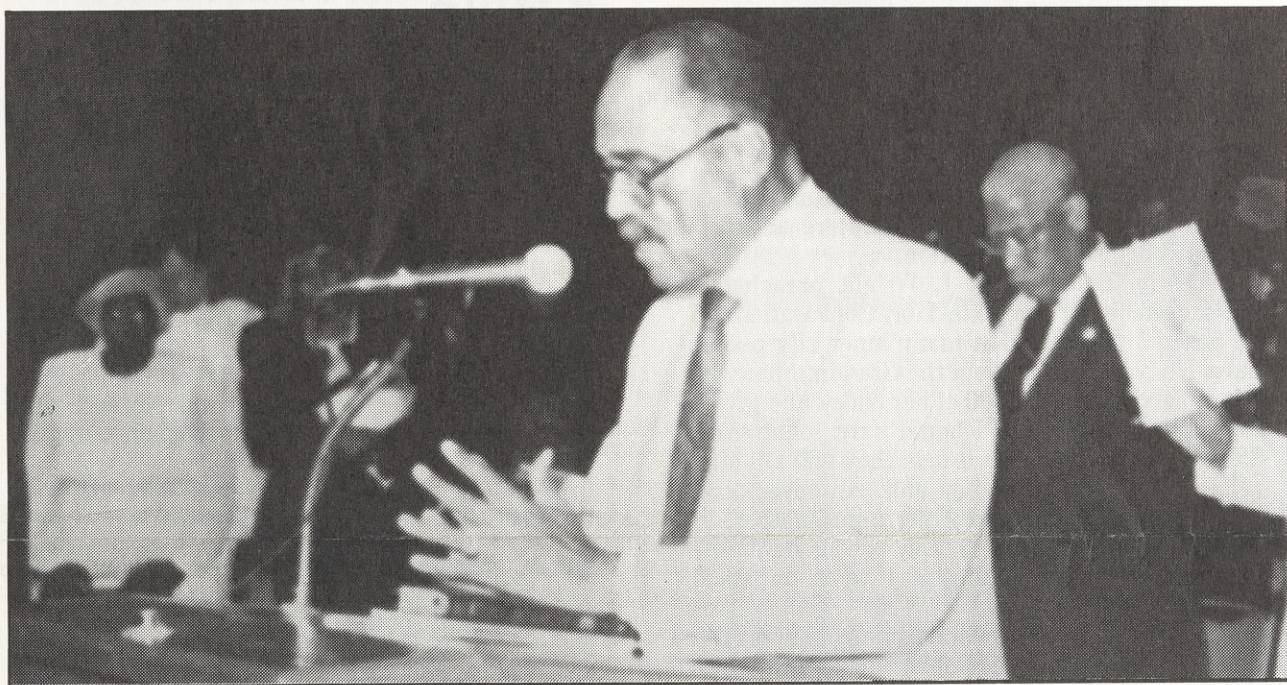
The combination of Help Week and the annual birthday celebration of Bishop C.H. Mason were conducted September 5-8, 1989. On the grounds of the old Saints Academy in Lexington, Mississippi, more than 50 dedicated men and women painted, nailed, sawed and did ever imaginable skill in the building trades. The effort was conducted to finish part of the presiding officer's dreams, thereby restoring a part of the significant heritage of the Church and providing a tangible tool for future ministry. The grounds are nearly ready to be turned into a full time conference and retreat center. The volunteer effort of the Help Week volunteers have saved the Church thousands of dollars while transforming a major part of our heritage.

Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. has a hope for returning the more than three hundred acres into a model ministry operation. Rehabilitation of the grounds is only the first step because Bishop Patterson envisions our Church's most skilled teachers and proven ministers using the facilities to train youth and adults for Christian ministry. Already for use are most of the dormitories, class rooms and the large library and auditorium buildings. Needed is a cafeteria, possibly a few recreational items and completion of general work on a couple more of the buildings. Bishop is certain that staffing and programing will not be difficult but stressing the need for quality is most important. The beautiful campus and rolling countryside of over 350 acres is just waiting for conferences, training and the rest of the plan to come together.

Elder George Fort of Clarksville, Tennessee was appointed foreman and supervisor of the project. Bishop Patterson has great confidence in the general contractor and pastor. Elder Fort told The Whole Truth there are enough dedicated workers to finish the project if given enough time and money. He said the men and women who volunteered time are willing and eager to finish the job. They believe firmly in the dream of Bishop Patterson. Elder Fort brought nearly \$7,000.00 worth of his personal tools and various pieces of equipment to help do the project. He and all others volunteered their time. The crews worked from early in the morning to late in the evening daily. The hot Mississippi sun and hard labor did nothing to defeat the drive and spirit of the crews.

Serving as motivator and General Board observer was Bishop L.H. Ford. His very roots are planted

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Presiding Bishop Patterson ask God's choice blessings upon the Saints everywhere and especially those in attendance at the recent Founder's Birthday Celebration.

The Friday night of Help Week III was dedicated to the memory of Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, founder of the Church Of God In Christ. Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr., members of the General Board of Bishops, Board of Bishops, Supervisors and Saints from a cross section of the country were assembled in the beautiful downtown Jackson Auditorium. The heritage states of Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas played host to the people of God.

After a full day of business meetings, our chief apostle and bishop led the people in worship and remembrance of the founder. The evening was splendid and featured spiritual music, words of history, and the thrilling and timely preaching of Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. On hand were the Help Week III volunteers. They were the honored guests and received praise from the throngs for their volunteer efforts.

In a time when people are writing the history of the Pentecostal movement in America, it is

especially appropriate for our Church to preserve and recognize the contribution of its own. Thursday and Friday nights were dedicated to remembering the many people living and dead who labored for the Lord in the Church Of God In Christ. Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr., is firmly behind the preservation of our heritage and annually combines the working on the old Saints Academy and the C.H. Mason Celebration. It serves to bolster the commitment of Saints to our present and future.

Bishop Patterson's message very much appreciated by the throng. The attendance was not as large as last year's celebration but the result was the same. Everyone left knowing that our Church has a contribution to make in behalf of Christ. Speaking historically, it always has and always will. The touching but powerful words of the bishops and leaders on program made all in attendance eager for the challenges ahead.

## 82ND Annual Holy Convocation of The Church Of God In Christ

Greetings of peace and love in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

It is a high privilege and pleasure of the General secretary to officially announce, on behalf of Bishop Patterson and the The General Board, the 82 ND Annual International Holy Convocation of the Church Of God In Christ, at Headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee, November 7-14, 1989. Great plans have been made by our leaders to ensure that this will be the greatest convocation in our significant history. We envision an exciting occasion and an exceptionally glorious convening of the Saints. It is

with great anticipation that we look forward to a great fellowship of the Saints from around the world. We expect a tremendous outpouring of the Lord's Spirit, an unusual blessing for the Lord's people.

The Presiding Bishop and General Board of Bishops have provided a revised schedule to enhance the productiveness of the meeting. Training services have been efficiently arranged for the edification of the Saints. A leadership conference has also been arranged to provide leadership training for the various categories of leaders of our

Church. All bishops, pastors, elders, all leaders and credential holders as well as lay persons are invited and encouraged to participate in the leadership experience.

THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY will be prepared to register all delegates; general delegates (persons attending the general sessions and worship services), and general assembly delegates (delegates elected by their jurisdictional assembly to vote in the General Assembly).

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## Bishop's Letter

To The Precious Saints of God:

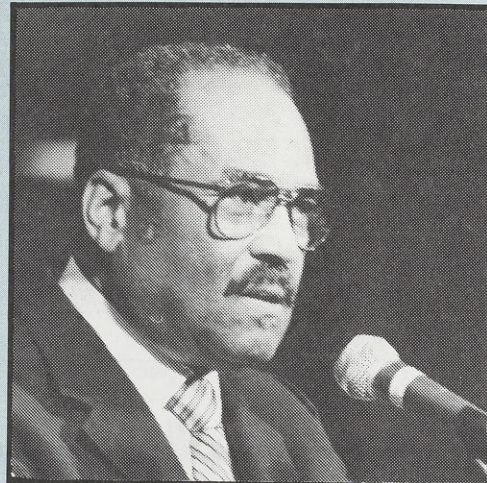
My soul is overwhelmed by the recent success of the latest Help Week program in Lexington, Mississippi. The support and volunteered labor given this effort by both men and women was an awe inspiring thing. The rehabilitating and decorating of the dormitories for the developing Saints Retreat and Conference Center on those holy grounds is making great advancement. Hopefully, during the summer of 1990, we will begin utilizing these facilities through seminars and retreats designed to enhance the ministry of our present leaders. We expect to provide opportunities for the training of leaders from the local, jurisdictional and national levels. In the interest of our youth, we will also provide activities for summer camps and other recreational ventures.

Please know that I deeply appreciated the support and assure both workers and financial contributors, God will abundantly bless them. Though I have genuine appreciation for all assistance given, I especially want to thank

Mother Mattie McGlothen and the very fine jurisdictional supervisors for their special effort. These splendid women were asked to contribute \$1,000.00 per jurisdiction to help underwrite the expenses of the third Help Week effort. I personally acknowledge their most gracious gifts and support.

I must ask all Saints: pastors, elders, credentialed women and laity alike to send the needed \$100.00 unit today. Be a part of the Lord's blessing. That contribution made today will help make the future bright for youth and those needing training in Christian ministries. Yes, your work is akin to the faith you have in the power of the Lord to take little and make much. The apostle Paul reflected, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

*J.O. Patterson, Sr.  
Presiding Bishop*



**Bishop J. O. Patterson**

## Editorial

By Dr. David Hall



**Dr. David Hall**

The recent developments in Bogota, Colombia have certainly played heavily upon the mind of American society. In spite of the fact that these cocaine drug Lords are responsible for the assassination of a leading presidential candidate on national television, the cold blooded and calculated murders of 250 judges and scores of Colombian citizens; innocent or otherwise, these same killers demand amnesty. To have such unmediated gull is an affront and insult to the Colombian people and to the broader world community. The Medellin cocaine families are very concerned that decent people have tired of their abuse and control of that impoverished country. Their pleas for amnesty though accompanied with the promise for them to end their drug business should be denied; as it is only a ploy. If people believe such a ridiculous request and in turn surrender their moral rights established by God and the conventions of law, then the people have enslaved themselves. Peace without honor and amnesty for killers is yielding to sin.

One might ask what does Colombian drug trafficking have to do with the Church Of God In Christ? The drugs that are destroying our youth and our neighborhoods are produced and distributed by the drug lords of Medellin, Colombia. Can the plight of those poor people be long to visit America? The model of these most vicious, corrupt and powerful merchants of drug is already among us. It is because Americans are buying billions of dollars worth of cocaine yearly that Colombia is going through this mess. In a sense, the larger issue is one of America morality properly reestablishing itself thereby directly creating less a market for cocaine and therefore less chaos and anarchy in Colombia.

The job of the Church is to go out and preach against the drug abusers, distributors and profiteers. This is a call for action.

Recently, Bishop Earl J. Wright preached a message in his Jurisdictional Holy Convocation and he posed a problem that many inner city people have. He commented about the Grandmother who felt obliged to take \$50.00 of her check and give it to grandson, Johnnie. "I better save Johnny this \$50.00 because his friends said they will kill him. Johnny is such a good boy and has never done anything. . . .", commented the grandmother. In reply the bishop stated, "Johnny is no good." How many of us have a Johnny or two in our local churches?

The Church must pray and actively support the stand of our president and public officials in attempting to eradicate this evil. Anyone who stands against sin is worthy of our support. We need to hold more street services and witnessing activities. Possibly personalized tracts from churches located in the center of drug infested areas should be encouraged. Most of all education about the problem needs up grading. Our Saints need to be sensitive that people have died to prevent the sell and distribution of drugs. Many of the robberies that plague our buildings, when sound systems, musical instruments and other items are stolen, are directly related to the drug problem.

Let me end this message by saying that we must do our share. Don't allow a guy to set up shop across the street from your home, church or business. Call the police and tell them when you see drugs being sold. If one is afraid to leave your name then just inform the police about the whereabouts of such activity, and keep to yourself. Drug dealers are not to be honored or left alone to do their work. The only thing drug dealers deserve is due process under the constitution.

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deeply in the soil of that holy ground. He ate, laughed, talk and labored with the men and women daily. His encouraging words proved motivating and strengthening to all concerned. The General Board of Bishops was in Jackson for general business but came out on the work site daily to encourage the crews. They examined the work and lauded the volunteers for their efforts. Some pitched in and handed hammer or brush to a worker in need. They were not their to work, however the presence of the general leadership made the workers know that the Church is in full support of the labor. Bishop Patterson came to the grounds and was pleased with the work. He spoke with the crews and encouraged and blessed them for their labor.

The fine saints of the St. Paul Church Of God In Christ provided food daily. The devoted women and saints were kind and prepared food to feed the hungry workers breakfast, lunch and dinner. The jurisdictions of Mississippi covered the cost of the room and board of the entire group. Bishops Davis, Nance, and Scott gave wonderful support and leadership. The jurisdictions of Tennessee and Louisiana contributed \$200.00 each to purchase ample food and kitchen supplies. Equally important was the great contribution made by the Women's International Department. Nearly, \$60,000.00 was contributed to support the feeding effort. When the ingathering is completed The Whole Truth will print the names of the fine supervisors and jurisdictions which contributed to the effort.

The work crews were made up of both women and men. Supervisors Artaska King and Ruby Harris directed the clean up and general cleaning of the Lyle Auditorium. They did not leave anything undone. The place had a fresh pine scent after their crew finished. Another dedicated crew served in the ST. Paul kitchen daily. To the shouts of more, more and more these women made the meal time excellent. Coupled with the prayer and singing of songs afterward, the crews were amply refreshed and ready to renew work. The main crew was the combination of Roofers, Painters, Electricians, Plumbers, Carpenters and general labors. Bishop L.T. Weaver served as Building Specialist and worked with Dr. Donald Wheelock to coordinate the daily activity. Everyone exemplified the true team spirit.

For the record, The Whole Truth prints the following names of the volunteers who worked so very hard. Bishop L.H. Ford, Elder Alvin Horton, Elder J.E. Lewis, II, Elder Robert Sanders, Deacon Eddie L. McCann, Elder Benjamin Bowman, Bishop L.T. Weaver, Carey Dennis, Keving G. Ewing, Elder C.J. Owens, Elder Roosevelt Greenwood, John Selders, Dr. Samuel P. Nesbitt, Supervisor Artaska King Deacon Kalob King, Shirley Barnes, Jean Perry, Vera Ladner, Jimmie Cuyler, Jr., Superintendent George Muray, Elder William Johnson, Jr., Elder James Cury, Elder Paul L. Barnes, Bishop Robert Nance, Supervisor Ruby Harris, Angie Montgomery, Superintendent Paul A. Loggins, Bishop Samuel Lowe, Verlean Tinzy, Elder R.L. Williams, Jr., Elder George Custer, Mother Clotill Bufkin, Willie Bufkin, Mother Adele Black, Mother Joyce Kelly, Mother Bonnie Nance, Edgar Love, Anthony Montgomery, Kenin Tinzy, Elder Jerry Walker, Elder George Fort, Florine Jefferson, Dorothy Dixon, Samari Russell, Missionary Naomi Loggins, Missionary Maxine Owens, Catherine Jones, Elder James Rogers, Minister Henry Shields, Janet Brown, Hazel Hall Skyes, Elder A.Z. Hall, Dr. Donald Wheelock and Dr. David Hall.

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## International Evangelist Crusade To Be Conducted In San Diego October 11 - 13, 1989

A few and brief reflections on the Evangelist Crusade conducted in Charlotte, North Carolina are in order, to bring everyone up to date.

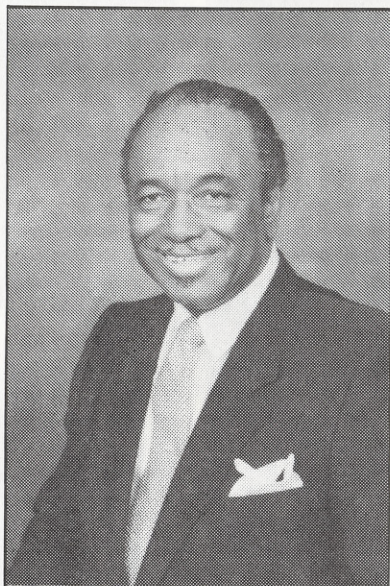
The spirit of the Lord was great in the building each night we assembled. The seminars, street services and jail visitation were an asset to the crusade. I must say a little more about the jail visitation in which Bishop J. Howard Sherman and President E.L. Battles played very important roles. They were well received and God gave the president those chosen words to reach the heart of those incarcerated persons. They came away delighted and excited for what God had done was great indeed!

How the Evangelist Department is preparing to conduct a series of services in San Diego, California, October 11 - 13, 1989. We are expecting God to save, deliver and set free souls suffering under the burden of sin.

Great seminars will be in session each evening; presented by great teachers as Dr. Charles Smith, Elder W.G. Christie and Sister Veronessa Thornton. Soul winning, faith clinics and child evangelism will be three areas of concern.

The crusade opens promptly at 10:00 am daily. The Faith Clinic follows and then Noon Day Worship service. Nightly, at 6:00 pm the seminars are in session and at 8:00 pm, it is "REVIVAL TIME".

We are over joyed that Bishop George McKinney and the Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Southern California has invited President Battles to



Dr. E. L. Battles

bring the crusade to San Diego and the surrounding area. Elder Battles and the entire team is praying for a great harvest of souls.

The number to call for reservations is 1 800 228-2828, for travel only call 1 619 429-9300.

National Evangelist Reporting Staff

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Registration for this meeting will be computerized but has been so designed as to allow for a speedy and expeditious registration procedure without long lines and long delays. A photo badge with identifying information to avoid unauthorized duplication or use will be supplied to every registered delegate. Those who register for the November General Assembly, will not have to register for the April 1990 meeting, provided they retain their ID badge and delegate card.

To better serve the delegates of the Church, a photo badge with certain information will be supplied to every delegate. A daily computerized printout will furnish us with vital information on all delegates such as jurisdiction position, name address, hotel where they are staying in Memphis while attending the convocation; thereby reflecting numerical strength of our Church. This is a continuation of the projection for a computerization of office of General Secretary.

In order to assist in underwriting the cost of the specialized service, a nominal registration fee will be passed on to the delegates. The revenue from this operation has enabled the office of the General Secretary to cover its costs from the funds generated and to make a substantial financial contribution to the National Church budget as the record will reflect. The support of you wonderful delegates has made this possible. We appreciate your response in the past and request that you support your Church by registering early. It is requested that all bishops please urge their delegates to register for the convocation.

The convocation fast will commence Sunday, November 5th and concludes Tuesday, November 7th, with the Special Anointing Service conducted by the General Board of Bishops and Board of Bishops. Every local congregation is invited to join in with the Saints who are attending the convocation and fast and pray for the three designated Days.

On Sunday, November 12th the high day of our meeting: Official Day, Bishop Patterson will deliver the official message for this convocation, and the Saints of God from all over the world will fill that convention center to listen to God's servant as he rings to us "The Word of God."

Friday, November 10th will be Women's Day, presided over by the saintly, Mother Mattie McGlothen.

All jurisdictions are required to elect delegates to the General Assembly from their jurisdictional assembly in accordance with "Part II, Section B, Subsection 1 and 2" of the Official Manual of the Church Of God In Christ.

Each jurisdiction is required to file the list of elected delegates with the office of General Secretary, which will subsequently certify them to the General Assembly. The master sheets are due by October 5, 1989.

It is the wish of the newly elected chairman of the General Assembly, Dr. Frank Ellis that all General Assembly delegates would register early and ready for

the General Assembly sessions scheduled for Monday evening following the communion, and Tuesday, November 13 - 14, 1989.

In as much as the jurisdictional reports are made during the April meeting, the income runs extremely low during our Holy Convocation; therefore, it is urgent that each of us bishops, supervisors and leaders of our great Church who are well aware of its financial needs will give our best support by bringing the balance of our report both for the credential holder and the membership report from the churches in our jurisdiction in order to make a full report in this meeting.

We love and respect our Presiding Bishop Patterson who has successfully led us to new horizons during this administration and the general officers of the Church. We have many wonderful bishops, supervisors, pastor and even lay members who have stood strong in supporting the financial program of the Church for many years and there is no doubt that the same dedication will be forthcoming during this time of need.

All delegates are asked to remain for the colorful Holy Communion and Consecration of newly appointed bishops on Monday, November 13, also, the General Assembly sessions scheduled for Monday and Tuesday November 13 and 14.

The office of General Secretary proudly announces its latest publications, the Official Roster Of Churches for the Church Of God In Christ, worldwide. Plan to purchase a copy at the registration counter, COGIC Book Store, or the Office of General Secretary.

#### Publications of the General Secretary's Office

1. The Official Roster of Churches, International
2. The Ten Year Compilation of Minutes of the General Assembly 1975 -1984, in hard back or paper back
3. Secretary's Handbook, especially designed for Jurisdictional Secretaries
4. Current Minutes - April Session of the General Assembly - available without charge for registered delegates
5. The Annual Souvenir Journal

All publications may be obtained at the registration counter during the Holy Convocation, from the General Secretary's office or from the COGIC Book Store.

I wish to tender my sincere thanks to you personally for your overwhelming support during the election of November, 1988. Thanks for the confidence you have expressed in electing me for your General Secretary for a fourth term.

With eternal gratitude to God and to you for the opportunity to serve the Church that I love so much and to meet the challenges that pertinent to this position, we shall continue to serve to the best of our ability.

Please be sure that our office is open to you as constituents of the Lord's kingdom on earth.

Bishop G.R. Ross, General Secretary

## Calendar of Events

### International Theological Center—1989-1990

#### OCTOBER

- 12-13 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 16-20 Mid-Term
- 17 AUCenter Chapel Hour,  
Dr. Johnetta Cole, Speaker
- 17-19 Conference on Research and the  
Black Church

#### NOVEMBER

- 1-2 Black/Jewish Dialogue
- 14 Religious Heritage of the Black  
World Africa Travel Research  
Seminar
- 15-17 Artist-in-Residence  
Rev. C.J. Johnson, Afro-  
American Folklorist
- 22 Thanksgiving Recess
- 30-December 6  
Christwanza Celebration

#### DECEMBER

- 5 Gammon Theological Seminary  
Founders' Day
- 16 Semester Ends

#### JANUARY 1990

- 10 Classes Begin
- 11 President's Chapel Hour
- 23-24 Distinguished Preacher Series
- 25-27 Conference on Ministry

#### FEBRUARY

- 6 Turner Theological Seminary  
Founders' Day
- 8 Phillips School of Theology  
Founders' Day
- 13-14 C.D. Hubert Lecture Series
- 15 Morehouse School of Religion  
Founders' Day
- 26-March 2 Mid-Term

#### MARCH

- 1 C.H. Mason Seminary  
Founders' Day
- 9-12 Spring Recess
- 13 Thirkield Jones Lecture Series
- 14-16 Charter Week Celebration  
(14-Charles B. Copher Lectures  
15-Alumni Chapel Service  
16-Banquet)
- 20 ITC Players Drama

#### APRIL

- 5 Johnson C. Smith Seminary  
Founders' Day
- 12 Maundy Thursday Service (ITC  
Chorus)
- 13-16 Easter Holidays
- 19 Honors and Awards Day
- 24 Senior Class Day

#### MAY

- 12 Commencement Exercises  
President's Reception

#### JUNE

- 5 Summer Session Begins



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## General Secretary Meets Pope John Paul

Vatican City, Rome. The General Secretary of the Church Of God In Christ was in Rome recently and took the opportunity to meet with Pope John Paul. Pope John Paul was made aware of Bishop German Ross' presence by his adjunct staff and the Pope asked for the bishop to join him for an official audience. Bishop Ross was escorted to meet the Pope and enjoyed a personal audience with the Catholic prelate. There before a crowd of 60,000 people stood Bishop Ross discussing various interesting subjects with the Pope for approximately 15 minutes.

Bishop Ross informed The Whole Truth that John Paul was aware of the Church Of God In Christ and as an individual, the Pope is a warm and charming man. He enjoyed conversation and attention accorded him from the entire staff. Bishop Ross commented the friendly embrace and hospitality of the pontiff was an outward sign and evidence of our Church's great significance, as other religious leaders were among the crowd but had no papal audience.

After the audience, the pontiff went down to greet and bless the 60,000 or more celebrants who came to catch a glimpse of John Paul.

Bishop said the Vatican stop was only one phase of an extended trip. He attended cogic worship services in Germany, England and Belgium. He commented how very pleased he was to experience the fellowship of the Saints in places like London and Frankfort. At some time in the coming year he plans to go back to Europe and visit again.

Dr. David Hall, Editor  
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9/11/89

Dr. David Hall:

In reference to your August 1989 Editorial concerning Charisma Magazine's articles on the The Assemblies of God and Also the black church, it has long been my conviction that the accomplishment of African - American church leaders generally and Church Of God In Christ leaders particularly have been misrepresented through some major media representatives.

In fact, contributing authors, Buchingham and Plowman, according to your editorial, seem to be following a tradition of xenophobia in their depiction of African - American as always needing the help of others to define themselves.

As you know, the Church Of God In Christ History Game is one instrument that was created to be used to help "dispel the myths" concerning our heritage. Its comprehensive chronology of COGIC History is designed as a supplement to serious works by Church Of God In Christ scholars. It also stirs the interest of young persons as they seek the truth about our pioneers and modern day leaders in this fun and relaxing way.

Thank you for continuing to keep us informed of what's going on in the world, especially as it relates to our great Church.

Sincerely in Christ,

Glenda Williams Goodson  
Creator, The COGIC History Game

## Editor Answers Back

Sister Goodson:

Thank you for that thoughtful and immediate response to the August editorial. Charisma Magazine and others like it have a direct interest in the hearts and minds of black Christians. Our agenda like theirs is one of education and spreading the gospel of Christ. There need be none of the short sighted and slanted myths projected by this magazine if true fellowship were the proper motive. The Church Of God In Christ has done just fine building a vital and credible institution without the help or encouragement of other groups. We have and shall continue to make our own agenda in regards to evangelism in our black community and to the larger community. We don't struggle with racism but seek to preach the gospel to whom ever will hear and accept it.

Charisma Magazine should be impacted by this article on the Church Of God In Christ for the November edition. I

Dear Editor:

I am a student enrolled in a small Pentecostal Bible college located in Greenville, South Carolina. I am also a proud member of the Church Of God In Christ. While studying the Pentecostal movement in America, I have come to realize the rich heritage of our church. For instance, our founder was the son of former slaves, "Dad Mason" began our denomination in a converted gin house, and it now has become a major denomination among other s in less than 85 years.

Bishop Mason was a main figure of the early Pentecostal movement. As a religious leader, in the age he lived, he appeared to have been the only early convert of Pentecostalism, who could ordain men as clergy because he was legally incorporated. His being black made this all the more remarkable.

Our Church today is one of the largest denominations in the Christian world. God has truly blessed us and I am proud to say that I am a member of The Church Of God In Christ. I am proud of the contributions our founder made in the Pentecostal world, and also proud of the fact that this Church started with ten congregations in the south and now holds three million members worldwide.

I am also proud of the enrichment our leaders have given the black race, and proud of the strides our present leaders are making to all races. Most of all I am proud of our Pentecostal perspective and our holiness heritage. We have come to the place we are living to fruition the prayers of the pioneers of the Pentecostal church: growth. We will continue to break new ground should we continue prayer today.

God has blessed this organization and he will continue to bless us as long as we maintain our holiness standards. Thank God for the grand old Church Of God In Christ, as she still proclaims the words of Bishop Mason: "Yes Lord!"

Minister Darnell Williams

hope the Saints will buy it and read the article closely. We must be mindful of those who bless us and those who likewise curse us. Of course the message will be in the eye of the beholder and hopefully none will be prejudice, rather will judge the material on the merits of truth alone. Ones decision to subscribe to Charisma should be impacted by this article; whether that be negative or positive will be up to each thinking individual.

I will say in closing that your history game is sold in our bookstore in Memphis. Those of us whom lack real historical knowledge should purchase one for the church or family. Our people have made a significant contribution to the cause of Christ and should know the facts.

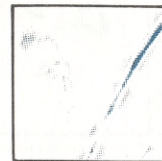
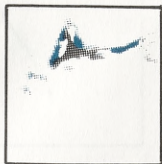
David Hall, Editor

Minister Williams:

Thank you for the letter. It is encouraging to read a note from a youthful person. This organization will faithfully live out its charge as long as Saints understand history in relation to their faith. I believe it is safe to say that our senior Saints can rest a little easier knowing you are preparing for ministry both in your heart and your head. Best wishes in your studies and the years of ministry to come.

David Hall, Editor





## Central Ohio Jurisdiction Holy Convocation

Bishop Warren E. Miller, prelate of Central Ohio Jurisdiction, Mother Mary Ellen Meredith, Supervisor of Women and the Saints of the jurisdiction celebrated the Seventy Third (73rd) Annual Holy Convocation, and first convocation under newly consecrated Bishop Miller. The convocation was conducted at Williams Temple C.O.G.I.C., Cleveland, Ohio.

During the services of the convocation on the week of July 24 - 30, 1989, the Holy Ghost rejuvenated the Saints of God. Bishop Miller's theme for the week was, "The Secret of Spiritual Power; 'Back to Pentecost' Acts 1:18". He emphasized that Bishop Patterson's goal is "to lead the Church back to old time traditional holiness.

"The services of the convocation consisted of prayer, singing, Women's Day (under the direction of Mother Meredith) and Holy Communion service. The Saints participated and enjoyed all the services. The convocation was given a special blessing when renowned evangelist, Missionary Theola Wells- Johnson of Detroit, Michigan conducted seminars on the "Holy Ghost."

The highlight of the convocation was the official day. Bishop Miller was used of God and preached an electrifying message, "Back to Pentecost." The message was totally supportive of the theme. Bishop Miller elaborated on the Azusa Street Revival and the leadership of our founder, Bishop C.H. Mason. He noted how the spirit of God was with His people and many have been saved, healed and delivered. The spirit of the Lord overwhelmed the bishop, he proceeded from the pulpit and laid his anointed hands upon the Saints.

Bishop Miller gave the Saints words of wisdom at the close of the convocation that encouraged Saints and pastors alike to follow leadership. Surely, if an old fashion Holy Ghost filled time was enjoyed ever before, it must have been what Central Ohio Jurisdiction experienced.

## Echoes From The Capital

Greetings from our nation's capital to the Saints everywhere. The District of Columbia has witnessed another spirit filled convocation, 1989. The theme remains, "A New Horizon." This theme was implemented in every phase of the meeting. Presiding over the 66th annual setting was our newly appointed prelate, Bishop Warren G. Crudup and State Supervisor Elizabeth Hampton. Pertinent seminars preceded each day and evening worship. Each night the praise team was like a flame of fire, setting the tone for the worship and all that followed. Every speaker imparted the glorious word of the Lord and the anointing of the Holy Ghost blessed the throng of believers.

Briefly, on Thursday, Women's Day, our day session began at 10:30 am with prayer. Supervisor Hampton officiated. There were several messages from anointed missionaries. Everyone was informed and inspired during the day session. Later in the evening our supervisor, Mother Hampton exhorted the Saints speaking on, "Support the Work of God". The special guest for the worship was Missionary Parker from South Africa. She spoke on the subject, "Helping Your Little Sister", and she proved to be an anointed evangelist. Her testimony of life in South Africa made her words come alive. Our bishop was there and took the liberty to anoint the Saints.

Sunday was a day to remember because the entire congregation was filled with amazement when Emeritus Bishop Samuel Kelsy was brought into the sanctuary. He was given a standing ovation. While in the service bishop unexpectedly lifted his voice and began to sing, "Tell Me John". Certainly the glory of the Lord filled the place.

Bishop Crudup followed with his official message entitled, "Finders Keepers, Losers Weepers", from Jeremiah 6:16. Only Bishop Crudup could have expounded on this subject as he did. Uniquely, he began the sermon with Losers Weepers. The convocation went up under the power and anointing of the Lord. It was a veritable latter rain that fell upon the faithful.

E.B. Howard  
Report

## A Center For Change: The Vision

(Juvenile treatment center coming to Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. Phase one completed)

Elder Jesse Richard Liggins, Sr., who is the pastor of Smith Temple Church Of God In Christ located in Bastrop, Louisiana and who is the president of Paradise Village Children's Home, Inc. has a vision: to build a treatment center for juvenile delinquent boys, ages 13 - 16 years.

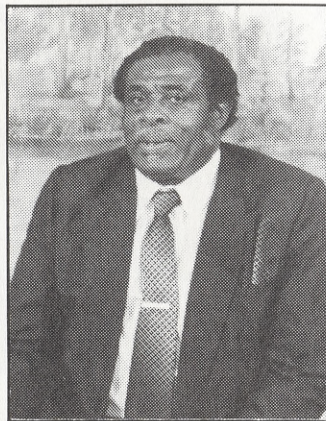
Elder Liggins says, "Dreams can come true. All you need is faith in God." He is referring to the future home site of a treatment center for delinquent boys.

On July 18, 1989, phase one of the project referred to as Rehabilitation of Juvenile Delinquents Through The Use Of A Year Round Farm Concept became a reality. The Northeast Regional Clearinghouse Board unanimously approved \$339,074.90 for the purchase of 291 acres of prime farmland. This farmland will be used to develop a year round vegetable farm, chicken broilers and construct a treatment center for juvenile delinquent boys. Elder Liggins says, "The land is so rich that you can grow children on it."

Elder Liggins and his organization are working very closely with their consultants, Dr. Arthur Batiest Hayes and his wife, Mrs. Gloria F. Carter - Hayes of Savama Services Unlimited, Inc. of Rayville, Louisiana. They have begun working on phase two of the project, which entails the program design for the juvenile delinquent boys. At this point the curriculum for the treatment program will be designed; and also job qualifications and job descriptions are paramount. After phase two, the writing of the last phase will take place: the architectural design of the treatment center complex and farm layout.

Elder and Mrs. Liggins, their family, the church family, the organization and their consultants are placing God first in this endeavor. A center for change shall become a reality with the help of God.

Stay tuned for the progress of this project. Not only will the juvenile delinquents boys have a place to experience a positive change in their lives through the acquisition of job related skills and an improved self image, but this project has the potential to provide many jobs for those persons who qualify.



Elder Jesse Richard Liggins, Sr.

## First Jurisdiction Progresses 63 rd Annual Holy Convention South Bend, Indiana

The 63 rd State Holy Convocation of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Indiana convened in South Bend, Indiana, July 24 - 29, 1989 under the leadership of Bishop Milton L. Hall, Sr and State Supervisor of Women, Mother Beulah Hatchett. The meeting was held at Saints Memorial COGIC, where Supt. Carl Steen served as host pastor. He is also First Administrative Assistant to Bishop Hall. There was an overflow crowd nightly, infact Friday and Saturday the convocation services were moved to O'Laughlin Auditorium at St. Mary's College.

The theme of the convocation, "I Won't Be Silent Anymore" was adopted from the 1988 International Holy Convocation theme at Memphis, and served to continually to remind the Saints of the awesome task in these evil days and the importance of being vocal about the ministry of God. The Lord truly rained his blessings upon the entire convocation.

The first evening service began as the newly formed Fine Arts Department presented a dynamic performance, "The Fire is Coming." The play was written by Minister Jeffrey Minor. The Music Department under Elder Curtis Daniels of Fort Wayne provided choice selections. Along with the newly formed State Orchestra / Band under the direction of Sister Barnetta Pearson of Indianapolis, the entire evening was filled with music and praise. During the service a plaque to honor Elder John Hall was presented in recognition of

his organizing the very first Indiana State Choir.

The Lord blessed again on the second night. Bishop Oscar Freeman, prelate of the Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Indiana and his state choir joined in fellowship. Bishop Freeman fed our souls as he preached "It is In My Heart."

Each succeeding day disclosed talents, gifts of the ministry, edifying testimonies, enriching discussions and messages sent from the throne of God for his people. Signs and wonders on Bible order followed the prayers and messages of the righteous.

Women's day saw a new direction as the bishop and the entire executive board were present during both day and evening services. The day session centered on "The Power of Love." Bishop Hall and the entire board demonstrated love and appreciation for the women of the jurisdiction with their presence. May their support continue. Mother Hatchett proved her leadership and her calling during the evening service, as she delivered a dynamic inspirational message on the theme.

Official Day service ended the convocation. Bishop Hall gave anointing oil as prescribed by Bible order to the preachers and missionaries. The bishop's message was "Reveille Its Time To Get Up." He admonished the preachers that as God's watchmen, they must be on active guard in order to warn the people about sins, and to encourage the Saints to return to holiness.

This Official Day ended in an unusual way with the marriage of Sister Lisa Wills of Indianapolis and Elder James G. Strolger, a pastor from Texas Southeast. This and all the activities of the 63 rd Holy Convocation made it one of the most memorable. Certainly, the Lord is blessing Indiana Jurisdiction - 1.

Missionary Charlotte Corbett,  
Reporter

## Indiana Exchange Student

Tabray Lynn James, Kokomo, Indiana, recently returned from Sweden where she spent her senior year as an exchange student. When the opportunity arose, Tabray was interested but sought the Lord's guidance. She told the Lord she did not want to go if it meant that she could not graduate from high school with her class in June, 1989.



The trip was sponsored through the Educational Foundation, the selection was based on talent and community involvement. A member of Grace Memorial COGIC since birth, Tabray began singing at the age of three with the Angelic Chorus. She has been an annual participant in the Martin Luther King day activities. For the last several years Tabray was concurrently active in two of the high school choirs, three of the church choirs and a gospel group. Grace Memorial has always boosted education and achievement. We are proud of Tabray.

The following is a personal account of Tabray's activities in Sweden.

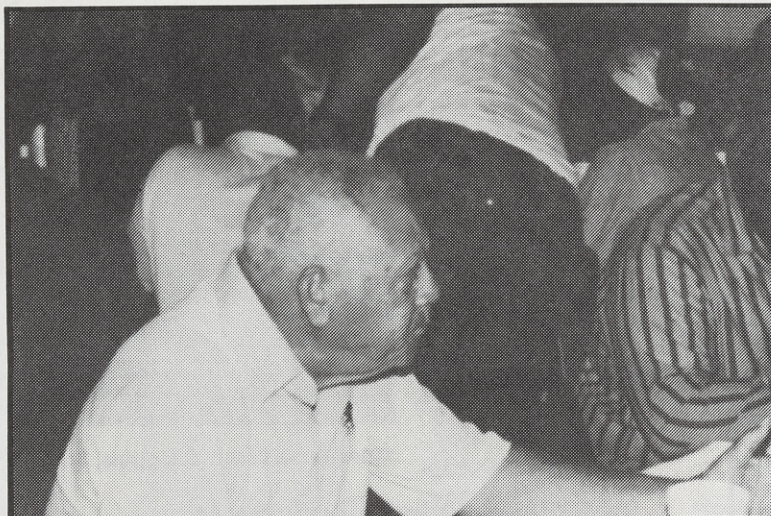
I was very excited about the year abroad. I reported at Ostra Grieve for language camp on July 25, 1988, for an intensive study of the Swedish language and customs. After three weeks I went to Skummeslov where I met my Swedish family. They welcomed me with open arms and made me feel as one of the family. Thank God for them. The village of Skummeslov has a population of 150 people. The school was in the Laholm, approximately a thirty minute bus ride away. While in Sweden I sang with the school choir and was also given private music instructions. I was guest soloist on 5 occasions at area churches. Certainly each occasion was a thrill.

The only church in Skummeslov was of the Lutheran persuasion. There was a Mormon church in Halmstad, a city about twenty minutes away. Both the Lutheran and Mormon services were short, occasionally lasting an hour. Services consisted of hymns, scripture reading or poetry reading. There was never any expounding of the scriptures, no preaching, especially like the saints are accustomed. The Mormon church is basically the same except for the communion, which was offered each Sunday. Neither church had weekday activity or services. During my stay, I was happy to introduce my religion and tell others what God meant to me.

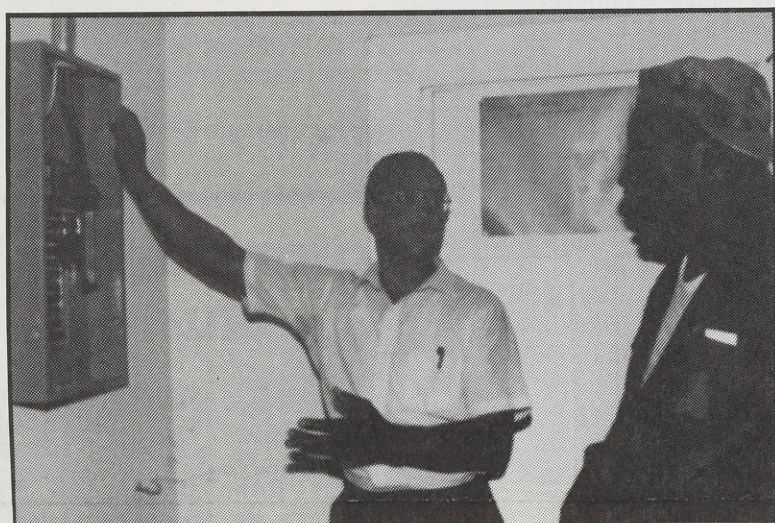
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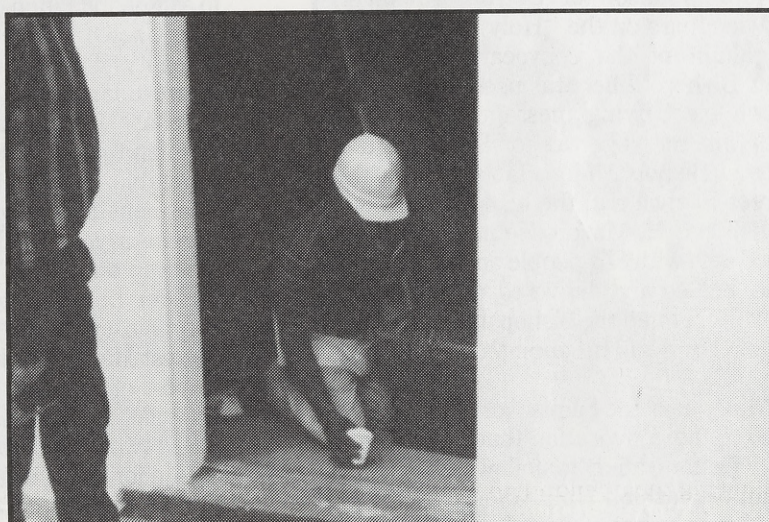
## A Miracle in the Making



Bishop H. L. Ford proved to be Father and motivator to Help Week Volunteers. He was on the grounds at all times.



Two electricians volunteered their services and installed new electrical boxes.



Project Foreman, Elder Fort is not praying rather he was getting some much needed tools.



Cutting pipe was an all day job for these elders.



Members of the paint crew enjoy lunch. Most paint crew members are three year veterans of Help week.



Each day's meals were accented with prayer, song and fellowship.



## WHAT HAPPENS TO A DREAM DEFERRED ?

What happens to a dream deferred?  
Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun?  
Or fester like a sore and then run?  
Does it stink like rotten meat?  
Or crust and sugar over - like a syrupy sweet  
Maybe it sags like a heavy load.  
Or does it explode?

Poem By Langston Hughes\*

Webster's dictionary defines "Deferred" as brought down, put off, or deliberately delayed? Thinking back about twenty years or so, Black people had band together to set goals and began a bright future. We were about to embark on transforming "The Dream" into reality. We could not wait to "march on Washington," "protest for equality" or "fight for better housing and education." No longer would the Black population just sit back and wait for justice, education or jobs. We were on the move, and would not stop until we had achieved "The Dream."

So what has happened in just a few short years. "What happens to a dream deferred?" Why such apathy? Have we decided that our children no longer need safe places to live and quality education? Is it okay for our neighborhoods to be featured on the local news program as a breeding ground for drugs, rapes and other heinous crimes? What has happened to the Black society that was destined to improve its lot? Have we become so comfortable with our minor gifts that we have lulled ourselves into a false sense of security? Stop and examine our state, then ask, "What happens to a dream deferred?" One can't begin to think of the future Black society without becoming scared.

Just imagine our children as the leaders of tomorrow, then see the changes in the Black community - it is once again a place where only a handful can read, write or speak understandable English. One should fear for the future because our children are being slowly killed with drugs and the lure of drugs. Parents are allowing their children to sell drugs on OUR street corners and from OUR homes. Parents are enjoying the benefits of the drug culture, while sacrificing the future of our children and the Black society. Drugs are destroying America, but the effects are being recorded much more so on the Black community.

The Black youth of America no longer carry that sense of pride and dignity that prevailed in the Black community twenty years ago. They have no real sense of what it means to be Black, and the responsibility that they hold for the future of the Black society. Education is low on their list of priorities, and the power of the Black community to control and teach the young is near extinction. Why are we sacrificing our communities, our children and our lives? "What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun?"

If we defer a while longer, we can watch the Black society move backward twenty years. We are just beginning to see the results of our lack or concern for our youth. But relax, all's well in the Black community. Great progress is being made without you, so you think. "What happens to a dream deferred?" Talk with a young person today and ask them about their goals and dreams. They will probably say, to obtain as much money as possible, in the shortest time possible. What has happen to our young people? We were teaching our children values, pride, dignity, responsibility and history - things of substance. Today ask a young person (or an adult for that matter) who was Langston Hughes, Malcolm X or Hannibal? Most could not begin to tell you who these Black men were, or what their relevance is the Black America today. "What happens to a dream deferred? . . . Does it stink like rotten meat? . . . Or crust and sugar over - like a syrupy sweet." What has happened to "The Dream?" Has a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday all that it has come to? A designated day off from our jobs, and a couple of programs on national TV depicting King's life.

To use the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. "... how long, not long," we can no longer sit back and wait for someone else to solve the problems of the Black community and the Black family. For if we defer any longer, we will destroy the Black society as we have known it. The future of Black America rests on the shoulders of our young, and if they are not prepared to work within the framework of America, then Black America has no future. We must improve ourselves by starting a

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## A SALUTE TO THE 1989 GRADUATES

By: Bernice Shields Hayman



This is a good time to honor all of our graduates; Kindergarten, Elementary School, Junior High School, High School, and/or College.

*We are proud of you  
CONGRATULATIONS!!*

You have reached a milestone in your lives. This is a great accomplishment to finish whatever step that you completed including some stud-

ents who finished from a Vocational School.

We are proud of you because you were persistent and went on to the finish line. You and your parents made many sacrifices.

However, I must remind you that you have just finished to begin. You have not "arrived." You can not stop here to rest on your laurels, sticking your chest out and proclaiming to the world, "I am a Graduate." This is a victory and an honor because some of your comrades have gone into judgement or have become side tracked because of their own doings. Some may have stopped due to circumstances beyond their control. But due to your own ingenuity, support from people, such as your parents, ministers, counselors, teachers and other concerned people you are basking in this glory.

I wish to encourage you to rise above the crowd and face a new horizon. You have climbed the rough side of the mountain of life and you have come to a Plateau. A plateau is a table top or a plane in the mountain where one can stop, get a little breath and survey (look) where you are. Look at the world around you and face the new horizons and decide which direction you wish to take in life.

When we say horizons, picture yourself on the plateau and visualize yourself looking as far as you can to the north, south, east, and west. You will see an apparent boundary between earth and sky.

This is also the limit of your visual or intellectual perception.

As you think about the world, you can see or hear all the headlines of the paper, radios, television blasting about the rumors of wars, dope pushers, robberies, and other crimes being committed. Each one of us can make a difference.

As you rise above the crowd, you can be as the wise eagle who dared not to be contented with mediocrity and rise above the average.

As you face the new horizons of your intellectual perception, you can exercise your independence, courage, confidence, and be different from the crowd.

There are many fields of endeavor now for young people to enter, such as: electronics, computer science, space, religious education and others. Just strengthen and stretch your imagination. The sky is the limit with the help of the Lord.

Don't stop here at the plateau. Keep climbing and climbing to see what the Lord has for you. Put no material things above God. Exodus 20:5. the Lord said, "I am thy Lord God, I am a jealous God."

As you chart your life course continue to confide in your parents, your minister, stay humble, have love, faith, courage and concern for others.

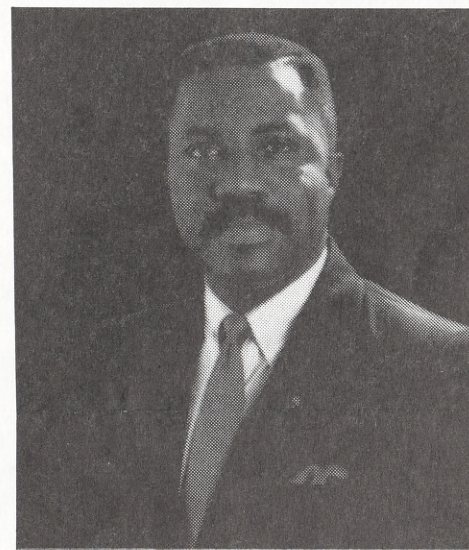
Phil. 4:13, I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

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An American Mormon who was established there for a short time said that he admired me for I was certainly well grounded in my religion. He seemed surprised that at my age I had a thorough knowledge of the Bible and our doctrine. Thanks to cogic training at Grace Memorial under the leadership of Bishop Milton Hall, I was prepared and believe most youth from our church are equally equipped in areas of faith. I thank God for giving me the opportunity relate to those in Sweden around me about the American black in a positive way. Thank God for meeting potentially life long friends, and for the experiences I encountered. More than anything I thank God for the religious training and upbringing that I was able to share with others half way around the world.

## Youth Revival !

By Sister Denise King (Age 15)



Elder E. C. Sheppard,  
Revival Speaker

Watson Temple Church Of God In Christ, Tallahassee, Florida, hosted the Big Bend District (Western Florida Jurisdiction) Youth Revival, July 24 - 28; Elder E.C. Sheppard, pastor of the Midway Church Of God In Christ was the speaker for that week's services. The son of Superintendent E. L. Sheppard of Watson Temple and former member of the church, Elder Sheppard was very much "at home" with the Watson Temple Family. He made the congregation feel very much relaxed during the services.

Before the message on Monday night Elder E.C. Sheppard told every young person to come and sit on the first few pews. The youth faithfully obeyed. They would do this every night of the revival. In an effort to get the congregation to remember his messages, he asked them to bring a note pad, a pencil and a bible.

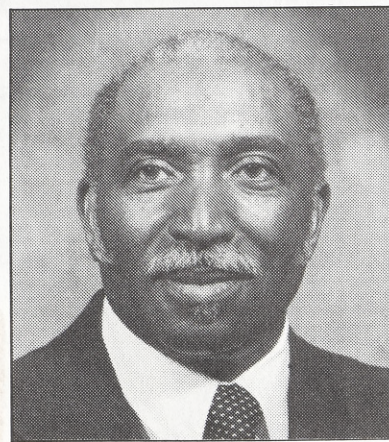
He proved to be a very interesting speaker. In order to establish a closeness with the congregation he spoke from the front of the altar, rather than in the pulpit.

Each of his messages proved to be stirring and innovative as he delivered each in a unique and unprecedented way the topics were as follows: "Lets Make a Decision", Tag Up and Run For Your Life", "Jesus Was Hung Up For Our Hang ups", "Be Encouraged, You're Going To Make It", and "Holiness: My Identity."

Elder E. C. Sheppard inspired each of the Saints to know that holiness is not just a religion but it should be our religion. Holiness is the state of being all that God requires of one. We, as human are three part beings with a body, a mind and a spirit. As believers in Christ, we must make certain that each part of us is yielded to the spirit of the living God.

This youth revival was anointed and thought provoking. It was a much needed lead in the new school year, as youths are faced with the challenges of life in a worldly environment. Just as importantly, the revival was also rejuvenating for others, i.e., the more mature believers in Christ.

## In Memoriam



The family of the late Superintendent Lawrence C. Dade of Little Rock, Arkansas, who passed away June 19, 1987 wishes to express heart felt thanks to Saints everywhere. The fond memories of him and also the kind expressions of love given from our leaders, our church membership and the precious Saints and friends everywhere have been most comforting. During his illness and his passing you and the Lord were ever present. Again thank you all.

Humbly submitted, Missionary Helen R. Dade and the entire Dade family



# THE WHOLE TRUTH

## Presiding Bishop's Plan Health and Hospital Fund

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\*See the Enrollment application below and fill it out. Should there be a need for further information please call 1 804 466-1444 or 901 578-3853.



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Please attach check or money order for first month's contribution to C.O.G.I.C. Hospital Fund.



Supervisor King was back in Lexington again working hard as usual.



Supt. Marcus Butler, granddaughter and daughter enjoyed the Founder's Birthday Celebration.



Bishops Chandler D. Owens read off the outstanding contributions given in support of Help Week.

## Dream . . . (Continued from page 7)

campaign in our families and the communities, to set our goals and achieve the true meaning of "The Dream." Black people must reclaim the ground that we have lost, and reclaim the minds of our children. "... How long, not long," we must not wait to use the political power that we gathered in the sixties, used to our advantage in the seventies, but seem to have forgotten in the eighties. We must use that power to gain quality education for our children, decent affordable housing, and competent and responsible law enforcement; but we can't stop there, our responsibility is great. We cannot allow the Black society to move backward twenty years, too many people have gone before us, fighting and sacrificing their lives to improve the quality of life for Black Americans. It is up to each of you to start now. . . right now, to improve the state of Black America. But "what happens to a dream deferred? . . . maybe it just sags like a heavy load or does it EXPLODE?"

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